

URGENCY BILL IS PASSED.

SENATORS HAWLEY AND HILL IN-
DULGE IN A LIVELY DISPUTE.Senator Vest took a hand in the proceed-
ings and said that he was responsible
for the income tax—Quay's Amendment
Was Defeated.Washington, Jan. 16.—After the transac-
tion of unimportant business the
urgent deficiency bill was taken up
to-day and Mr. Hill, dem., of New
York, addressed the senate in regard
to the ruling out of his amendment
giving United States courts jurisdiction
of the question of constitutionality
and validity of the income tax.Mr. Hill said that he questioned the
right of the senate—with a due regard
to its rules—to refuse consideration of
his amendment. The point which he
made was that the pending bill was
not an appropriation bill within the
meaning of the rule. It was not one
of the regular appropriation bills; it
was not even the regular annual de-
ficiency bill.Mr. Morgan, dem., of Alabama, in-
terrupted Mr. Hill to say that as it was
he who had made the point of order
against the amendment he was willing
to withdraw it and let the senate
vote on the amendment."And deprive me of my right to go
on with my speech?" Mr. Hill asked.
"I will withdraw the point after the
senator has made his speech," Mr.
Morgan said.Mr. Hill then proceeded with his ar-
gument, sustaining it by reference to
various decisions in both houses, showing
that such bills—as, for instance, a
pension arrears bill, or a river and
harbor bill—were not general appro-
priation bills under the rules.Mr. Vest, dem., of Missouri, said that
Mr. Hill's amendment was subject to
very serious objection.

"On its merits?" Mr. Hill put in.

"Yes, on its merits," said Mr. Vest.
"I am not discussing the parliamentary
question. It never has been the custom
of the senate to legislate for the pur-
pose of affecting existing litigation;
and neither branch of congress should
indulge in that practice. And yet a
suit is at this moment being argued
in the supreme court of the District
of Columbia involving the constitutionality
of the income tax."Mr. Vest then went on to defend the
finance committee and himself, as a
member of it, from responsibility for
the imperfections of the income
tax provision. He denied that that
provision, as it came from the house,
was infinitely more drastic than that
contained in the present law.He mentioned, among other points,
the taxation of savings banks in the
house proposition, and appealed to Mr.
Hawley to say whether the income tax
measure as passed by the senate was
not infinitely better than the proposition
that came from the house."The income tax measure as passed,"
Mr. Hawley, rep., of Connecticut, de-
clared, "was just as reasonable as the
other was inhuman."Mr. Vest said that he was largely
responsible for the form in which the
income tax provision now stood. He
did not claim that it was perfect, or
anything like perfect; but he asserted
that its imperfections were caused by
the fact that in the absence of rules
in the senate to close debate, the finance
committee was compelled to put the
tariff bill through under whip and spur.The entire country, he said, was clamor-
ing for tariff legislation. He was
tired of hearing the ceaseless charges
against the tariff law and its defects—
coming from those who knew the reason
why those defects existed.Those who had charge of the measure
had endeavored to make the income
tax as unobjectionable as possible.
There had been grave defects left in
it, and it had been hoped that those
defects would be reformed in the con-
ference committee.Mr. Hill—Does the senator mean to
say that the conference committee was
engaged in any particular effort to
agree on the income tax?

Mr. Vest—I do.

Mr. Hill—I never so understood it.

Mr. Vest—I make the assertion now
that the differences between the house
and senate in relation to the income tax
were taken up and referred to Mr.
McMillin of Tennessee, and myself, and
we worked night and day for more
than a week and finally came to a con-
clusion. Just as we had succeeded in
doing so, and while we were consider-
ing an entirely different portion of the
tariff bill, action was had by the senate
which resulted in a tie vote on the
question of discharging the conference
committee and the house of representa-
tives then accepted all the amend-
ments of the senate to the tariff bill.
And the condition in which we find
ourselves to-day is simply one of the
incidents that have come, naturally
and mentally from the want of rules
in this body.Mr. Vest drifted into a discussion of
the rules. He argued that on any polit-
ical or financial measure it was impos-
sible to force action, while on other mat-
ters any senator might have almost
any bill passed under senatorial cour-
tesy.Mr. Allison referred to dates to prove
there had been no undue delay in the
tariff bill in the senate, and said the
rules of the senate had no more to do
with that delay than the equinoxes had.Mr. Hawley, rep., of Connecticut, re-
marked that the tariff bill had been
much benefited by the five or six weeks
discussion in the senate. The country
was benefitted, and so was the gentle-
man's own party."Oh, Mr. President," said Mr. Vest,
with a shrug of his shoulders, "as to
my own party being benefitted, I do not
know.""I beg pardon," Mr. Hawley added,
sarcastically, "I forgot the election.""I do not complain of the election,"
said Mr. Vest, with an air of submis-
sion."The popular pendulum swings back-
ward and forward. In republics these
changes are inevitable. I assert now
that the most vicious and dangerous
and utterly indefensible feature of the

ONE RAILROAD GIVES IN.

GREATLY DUE TO THE WORK OF THE
BOARD OF ARBITRATION.It Was Not Until Nearly Two O'Clock This
Morning That the Settlement Was Ar-
rived at With One Company, Whose Lines
Will Run To-day.Brooklyn, Jan. 16.—The third day
of the battle between the trolley com-
panies and their employees resulted in
a slight advantage for the companies.
Three lines out of the forty-eight tied
up were operated under police protec-
tion, but the ranks of the strikers are
still intact. Late in the day the strik-
ing motormen and conductors laid cer-
tain propositions before the state board
of arbitration, which may result in a
settlement of the strike to-mor-ow.Fending such an outcome there was
a truce in hostilities, and rioting was
not resorted to to-day. Practically
the surface lines of the city were pa-
ralyzed to-day. The great army of
people who are engaged in business in
New York had difficulty in getting to
the bridge and ferries. A severe storm
of rain, snow and sleet prevailed all
day and added to the misery of the
pedestrians, who plodded through the
streets and from business. Hackmen
did a rushing business at fancy
prices, and all kinds of vehicles were
pressed into service. The big dry
goods stores were empty all day.No serious acts of violence were com-
mitted by the strikers and though the
entire police force of the city was on
duty there was little for the bluesuits
to do.The fear of violence or a disinclina-
tion to patronize the cars operated by
green hands kept the public from
patronizing the few surface cars that
were running. These were the cars of
the Court street line, the Fifth avenue
line and the Flatbush avenue line. On
the last named line twenty-six cars out
of the usual complement of forty-two
were running. The Fifth avenue and
Court street lines ran about twenty
cars each. In all sixty cars were run-
ning in place of 300 usually operated
on the lines affected by the strike.President Lewis of the Brooklyn Heights
company said he had plenty of applica-
tions for places and would put on
more cars, but for the lack of police
protection. There has been talk of
asking the aid of the sheriff and of
having the militia ordered out, but
there is no disturbance of the peace to
warrant such action.The state board of arbitration met
at 9:30 a. m., and consulted Messrs.
Giblin, Collins and Holcomb of the ex-
ecutive board D. A. No. 75. The labor
leaders stated that the men were will-
ing to make concessions on some points,
but would insist upon the recognition
of their organizations by the signing of
an agreement to succeed the one which
expired December 31 last. The board
adjourned until 4 p. m. President Par-
tridge of the DeKalb avenue line was
the only representative of the com-
panies present. The board adjourned
until 11 a. m. to-morrow without ac-
complishing anything. In substance
the strikers propose that both sides
waive all demands and submit the
whole matter to the board of arbitration
for decision, each side agreeing to abide
by the result.Chairman Feeney, of the board of ar-
bitration, said that he believed from
talks that he had had with the pres-
idents of the roads and with the lead-
ers, that some arrangement will be
made by which the strike will be called
off to-morrow.Master Workman Connolly says that
not one of the 6,000 men on strike has
deserted, that he is assured of outside
financial aid, and that the men can
hold out indefinitely if no agreement
is made with companies. The strikers
are talking about testing the right of
the police to ride on the cars. The
passes are issued daily by the com-
panies to the policemen, which are
claimed to be in violation of the re-
cently enacted constitution.Brooklyn, Jan. 17.—The board of ar-
bitration succeeded at 1:45 o'clock this
morning in settling the trouble between
the employees of the Newtown and De-
Kalb avenue railway.The president of the company an-
nounces that the strike, so far as it
concerns his lines, has been declared
off and that the cars will begin running
regularly to-day. He says that no con-
cessions have been offered to the strik-
ers, and that the arrangements are
practically the same as those of last
year.THE ROCKVILLE ASSAULT CASE.
The Unknown Tramp Released—Miss Fur-
long Declines Not to Prosecute.Rockville, Jan. 16.—The unknown
tramp who was arrested last night,
charged with assaulting Miss Rose Fur-
long, was this morning released from
custody, as Miss Furlong had decided
not to prosecute him. Last night the
tramp appeared at the parochial resi-
dence of the Rev. J. J. Furlong and
asked for something to eat. Miss Fur-
long brought him into the kitchen to
grant his request, and placed a boun-
tiful repast on the table. He looked
around the room as if expecting some-
thing more, and she supposed
he wanted to eat in the dining room.Accordingly she removed the viands to
the next room, and called him in. He
sat down, and as she turned her back
for a moment he sprang from his chair,
ran across the room and roughly
grasped her by the arm. With a shriek
she turned to resist the ruffian.
Thomas Moore, an employee, who was
in the next room, heard her cries for
help and responded. He knocked the
tramp down and held him until an
officer arrived. The villain was re-
moved to the lockup, but this morning
Miss Furlong decided to drop the mat-
ter, as she did not wish the publicity
the matter would give her. She was
uninjured by the assault, but received
a bad fright.

RESERVED HIS DECISION.

Arguments on Constitutionality of the In-
come Tax.Washington, Jan. 16.—Argument of
the constitutionality of the income tax
law was continued to-day before Judge
Hagner in equity court No. 2. Mr.
Jere M. Wilson, for the complainant,
said it was a startling proposition that
even if the income tax provisions were
void, the tax could be collected, and it
would be a remarkable thing that there
was no power in the courts to stop an
officer from executing an unconstitutional
law. An unconstitutional law was
no law at all, and any officer who ex-
ecuted it would be amenable to punish-
ment in the courts.Mr. Wilson maintained that the law
was obnoxious in that it taxed incomes
reaching back two years; in taxing
the same income twice; in taxing in-
comes of foreign students, for instance.
The law, he said, sought to prevent
thrift, enterprise and energy when it
was these things that made our coun-
try.Assistant Attorney General Whitney
closed the argument in behalf of the
government, citing decisions of the su-
preme court offering the constitutionality
of former income tax laws more ob-
noxious than the present tax.Judge Hagner said he would render
his decision next Wednesday.FLORENCE MCCRONE'S ESTATE.
Will Pay but Eight Cents on the Dollar—
Failure Due to Illness.Thompsonville, Jan. 16.—The estate
of the late well known florist, Robert
McCrone, has been settled and the cred-
itors will receive only eight cents on the
dollar of their claims, amounting to \$14,
300.At the time of the big blizzard a few
years ago Mr. McCrone's greenhouse
was damaged to the extent of \$10,000,
and since then he has been in financial
straits.He was an eccentric character and
represented the town of Enfield in the
legislature two terms, and was well
known throughout the state.JOHN CALHOUN PRESENTING.
Meeting of D. A. No. 95, K. of L., in New
Britain To-day.New Britain, Jan. 16.—The tenth an-
nual convention of District Assembly
No. 36, Knights of Labor met in Paint-
ers' Union hall in this city to-day.There were twenty-six delegates pres-
ent, representing New Britain, Dan-
bury, Waterbury, Bridgeport and Mer-
iden.District Master Workman John Calhoun
of Meriden presided.Roussieu Will Accept.
Paris, Jan. 16.—At 11 o'clock it was
announced that Waldeck-Roussieu had
decided to be a candidate for the presi-
dency. He reached this decision after
mature deliberation and consultation
with his friends. If he adheres to it
he will force Faure into the back-
ground.Stay For Captain Stephenson.
Brooklyn, Jan. 16.—Supreme Court
Justice William J. Gaynor this morning
granted former police captain John T.
Stephenson a stay. He holds that Jus-
tice Ingraham made an error in charg-
ing the jury about reasonable doubt.
He also intimates that Stephenson's
superior who accepted a bribe, should
be prosecuted before him.Drowned in the Canal.
Springfield, Mass., Jan. 16.—Arthur
and Leo Brunette, aged five and six
respectively, sons of Adolphus Brunette,
were drowned in the "Canal" where Mill
river runs out of the Water shop's
pond. The boys had been missing
since yesterday morning and this morn-
ing their father found traces of them
near the canal. The police were notifi-
ed and this afternoon found the
bodies of the boys in the stream
near the spot where both are supposed
to have fallen in. Search is still being
prosecuted for the other body.Starved for Five Days.
Bridgeport, Jan. 16.—Walter Strat-
ton, aged nineteen, Springfield, is lying
in Bridgeport hospital. He was given a
lodging in the tramps' quarters Monday
night, and it was found he had not
tasted food for five days. He became
sick in consequence and was taken to
the hospital.Postoffice Burglarized.
Bridgeport, Jan. 16.—The postoffice
at Southport was burglarized early this
morning. The thieves blew open the
safe. They secured \$100 in stamps, \$5
in pennies and a few valuable papers
belonging to the postmaster. Frederick
Cox, who lives over the store, ordered
the men to get away, but one of the
pointed a revolver at his head and he
withdrew. George Gregory, who also
lives above, looked out the window with
a double-barreled gun in his hands, but
he also withdrew when ordered to.
There were only two thieves at work on
the job.YOUNG MEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB.
Annual Meeting and Election of Officers to
be Held To-night.The annual meeting of the Young
Men's Republican club will be held
this evening, at which time officers
will be elected for the ensuing year.
A determined effort will be made to
have the president, Frederick B.
Farnsworth, accept a re-election, but
it is not known whether Mr. Farn-
sworth will agree to become president
again or not.The membership of the club has in-
creased so rapidly during the past year
that the present club house is alto-
gether inadequate to accommodate the
members. For some time past the
members have been discussing the ad-
visability of building an addition to
the house on the lot in the rear of the
present club house. At the meeting
this evening action will be taken upon
this proposition. Another large num-
ber of applicants will also be admitted
to membership. Selectman Ludington
is also expected to supply oysters for
the occasion.

FIGHTING HARD FOR DEBS.

THE SUPREME COURT HEARD AR-
GUMENTS IN HIS BEHALF.It Was Purely a Legal One as to Whether
or Not a Question of Error Would Lie—
The Court as Usual Took the Matter
Under Adjudication.Washington, Jan. 16.—The supreme
court this afternoon heard arguments
in the matter of the petition of Eugene
V. Debs et al., imprisoned by Judge
Woods of the seventh circuit for con-
tempt of court in the violation of cer-
tain injunctions issued last summer in
connection with the Chicago railroad
strike. The argument was purely a
legal one upon the question whether or
not a writ of error would lie and was
the proper method of proceeding in the
case.S. C. Barrow, attorney for the peti-
tioners, argued that under the de-
cisions of the court, proceedings in con-
tempt had been defined to be in the na-
ture of a criminal case, and that it was
the proper course to pursue to take out
a writ of error rather than to appeal
from the judgment of Judge Grosscup
denying the petitioners their release on
a writ of habeas corpus. The record
would be much briefer, certainly, he
said.Assistant Attorney General Whitney
appeared for the government in the
case, rather as a friend of the court
than as an advocate. He argued that the
position taken by Mr. Barrow, he said,
there were precedents in the decisions
of the court both for and against the
petitioners, and that in the view of the
department of justice it was immaterial
in which manner the court ruled upon
the question.The court took the matter under ad-
judication in the usual way.WHITTEN STILL IN JAIL.
Expected to be Able to Secure Bonds This
Morning.Dr. George E. Whittien, who is charg-
ed with complicity in the murder of
Maggie Schloss, is still in jail, having
been unable to obtain bonds. Real
Estate Agent Lucius B. Hinman inter-
ested himself in Whittien's case and
the latter is hopeful of being able to
secure bonds to-day. It is not believed
that either Dr. Whittien or Dr. Lee will
be tried at the present term of the
superior court.THE DAIRYMEN'S MEETING.
"Milk" Discussed by the Dairymen's
Association—Careful Inspection of Cows
and Their Milk Recommended—Officers
Elected.Hartford, Jan. 16.—The fourteenth an-
nual convention of the Connecticut
Dairymen's association opened at
Jewell hall in the Y. M. C. A. building
yesterday morning and will be in ses-
sion to-day and to-morrow. The meet-
ing was called to order at 10 o'clock by
Robert A. Potter of Bristol, president
of the association. An address of wel-
come was made by Mayor Beaman,
which was responded to by ex-congres-
sman William E. Simonds. Remarks on
the composition of milk were made by
Dr. E. F. Jenkins of the agricultural
station at New Haven. He gave an
analysis of milk, showing its different
ingredients in a state of purity and its
properties, source and uses as food. A
number of questions were asked of
him and experienced answers were given
by many of those present.At the afternoon session the report
of the secretary and treasurer, W. L.
Bartholomew, was read. The treasur-
er's report showed that on January 1,
1895, there was a balance of \$241.97 in
the treasury, against \$84.91 on January
1, 1894. There were forty-two annual
members obtained during the year and
twelve life members, which brings the
latter membership up to sixty-two, an
increase of fifty-eight in four years.The secretary's report said that the
public health demanded that the dairy
products be more carefully inspected.
He said it is not to be presumed that
the product of the 150,000 cows of the
state, in various conditions of health
and environments, reached the con-
sumer pure and uncontaminated, and
he recommended that inspections be
made of the milk in retail trade, of the
cows, their food and stabling, and the
careful handling of their milk which
is kept for butter and cheese. This
precaution, he said, is a right to patrons
which should not be ignored and any
reasonable suspicion of the cow or her
products should receive intelligent at-
tention.The election of officers and directors
followed. The old boards were elected
as follows: President, Robert A. Pot-
ter, Bristol; vice president, Stephen M.
Wells, Waterbury; treasurer, W. L.
Bartholomew, Putnam; directors, for
two years, J. S. Kirkham, Newington,
Charles W. Lee, Coventry, Thomas W.
Loomis, Windsor, H. E. Savage, East
Berlin; for one year, G. E. Manchester,
West Winsted, Hubert F. Potter,
Montwese, T. S. Gould, West Cornwall,
I. W. Stark, Lebanon.Following the election of officers Dr.
A. L. Winton made a report of his ex-
aminations of twelve samples of milk
taken in this city from peddlers. The
samples ranged from 4 to 8.30 per cent.
fat, and Dr. Winton said he consid-
ered the milk peddled in this city of
excellent quality and superior by far
to that peddled in any other city in
the state. Dr. W. O. Atwater was to
have read a paper on the food value of
milk but it was postponed as Dr. At-
water, owing to a meeting of the board
of control of the agricultural station,
could not be present.E. D. Roberts, milk inspector of this
city, read a paper on the retail sale of
milk and explained his methods of de-
tecting the dealers who adulterate
milk. Mr. Roberts said that there are
140 milk dealers who peddle milk here
and that the milk sold here is pro-
duced within ten miles of the city.
Last year there were 18,000 quarts of
milk sold in this city daily, for which
the milkmen received \$416,100 for the
year.The board of directors of the asso-
ciation met to-day and elected a secre-
tary of the association. There was a
banquet to-night at the United States
hotel.

VANDERBILT SAYS NOTHING.

Will Not Talk Regarding Separation From
His Wife.New York, Jan. 16.—Among the pas-
sengers on the White Star liner Teu-
tonic, which sailed for England this
morning, were William Waldorf Astor
and William K. Vanderbilt. Mr. Astor
occupied stateroom P on the port side
of the ship, and Mr. Vanderbilt had
suite C on the starboard side.Both denied themselves to reporters.
Mr. Vanderbilt was asked concerning
a report that he had arranged a separa-
tion with his wife, by the terms of
which she was to receive \$250,000 a
year for life and the use of the Fifth
avenue and Newport houses. He said
it was a matter he couldn't discuss.YALE ALUMNI BANQUET.
Committee Decides to Hold It Friday Even-
ing, February 8.Hartford, Jan. 16.—The committee of
the Hartford Yale Alumni association
met at the office of John M. Holcomb
yesterday and fixed the date for the
Yale banquet in this city for Friday
evening, February 8. Arrangements
for the meeting, invitations of promi-
nent guests and the like will now be
proceeded with at once. The commit-
tee has assurances that the Yale Glee
club will accept an invitation to be
present on that evening. Captain Hin-
key of the football eleven will also be
invited, and there are good expecta-
tions of his being at the banquet.YALE GLEE AND BANJO CLUB.
Twenty-ninth Annual Promenade Concert
at the Hyperion Next Monday Evening—
Sale of Seats and Boxes To-day.This afternoon at 2 p. m. the auction
sale of seats and boxes will take place
at the Hyperion theater for the twenty-
ninth annual promenade concert of the
Yale Glee and Banjo clubs, to be given
at that theater on Monday evening.
The clubs made a hit all through the
west on the Christmas trip and this
will be the first opportunity the univer-
sity and city has to hear them. In
addition a mandolin club is also on
the program.CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Annual Meeting—Very Satisfactory Re-
ports—New Officers.The annual meeting of the Calvary
Baptist church was held last evening
and the reports of the various com-
mittees were read and accepted. The
clerk's report showed that during the
last year there had been an increase in
membership of 104 and a loss by death
and otherwise of 56, thus leaving a net
gain of 48. The total membership of 899,
greater than that of any other Baptist
church in Connecticut. The total
amount received for the benevolent so-
ciety was \$5,184, which is more than
\$1,000 in excess of the amount received
for this purpose last year, and is more
than that raised by any other Baptist
church in the state for the same work.
After the reports were read the elec-
tion of officers for the ensuing year
was held and resulted as follows: Mod-
erator, Mr. Giles Potter; clerk, Leslie
Moulthrop; treasurer, Merrill Loomis.BOARD OF TRADE.
J. D. Dewell Elected President—The Other
Officers—Subjects Discussed.Norwich, Jan. 16.—The fifth annual
meeting of the Connecticut state board
of trade was held here to-day. There
were about thirty delegates present, in-
cluding the following from New Ha-
ven: Major T. Attwater Barnes,
James D. Dewell, Nathan Eastbrook,
Jr., ex-Alderman Sonnenberg and Wil-
liam S. Wells.The following officers were elected:
President, James D. Dewell of New Ha-
ven; secretary, T. Attwater Barnes of
New Haven; vice presidents, C. H. Nel-
son of Birmingham, N. E. Worden of
Bridgeport, George M. Eitward of Guil-
ford, Frederick Bill of Groton, T. H.
Woodward of Hartford, R. O. Cheney
of Manchester, John J. Bucklin of My-
rtle Valley, John McClure of New Lon-
don, E. J. Hill of South Norwalk, W. A.
Allen of Norwich, E. W. Twitchell of
Southington, N. P. Downs of Stamford,
H. L. Wade of Waterbury, S. N. Ray-
mond of Westport, T. C. Richards of
Winsted.A number of subjects were discussed,
including the following: Highway im-
provement, disposal of sewage, a New
England board of trade, abolishment of
county commissioners, broad tires on
vehicles, taxation of street railways,
Saturday half holidays, income tax,
Bailly bankruptcy bill.The banquet of the board was held at
the Wauregan house at 2:30 o'clock.MANY EXHIBITORS.
Fine Poultry Show in Ansonia—Many Ex-
hibitors From Out of Town.Ansonia, Jan. 16.—The first annual
exhibition of the Ansonia Poultry asso-
ciation opened in the opera house to-
day with over one thousand entries.
Some of the fowls are of the highest
breeds and finest strains, and come
from all over the state and New En-
gland.The indications are that it will be one
of the most successful poultry shows
ever held in the state outside of New
Haven and Hartford. It will continue
until Friday night. Besides the many
local exhibitors, entries are shown by
well known breeders of the state, such
as H. J. Pierce of Winsted, Taft & Mil-
ler of Unionville, C. P. Jordan of New
Haven, Woodbury Poultry Yards of
Woodbury, twenty-five birds; E. E. Pow-
ler of Meriden, J. H. Seeley of Bridge-
port, D. L. Baulding of Eastview, N. Y.;
also entries from Naugatuck, Seymour,
Waterbury, Bethel, Danbury and other
places. One of the largest exhibitors
is S. E. Genser of Derby, who enters
over fifty birds.The judges are C. A. Ballou of Wor-
cester, Mass., and G. H. Northrop of
Racineville, N. Y. They are assisted by
A. S. Hubbard of Ansonia, and Thom-
as Bentley of Shelton judges the pig-
cons.

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING BEGUN IN
THIS CITY.Grand Master Warner's Remarks—The Ma-
sonic Home's Interests Discussed—Result
of the Annual Election—Some Prominent
Masons Attending the Convention.The annual communication of Con-
necticut grand lodge of Free and Ac-
cepted Masons was opened in this city
yesterday morning. The meeting was
called to order by Grand Master Henry
O. Warner, who read his report, which
in part is as follows:Another year, with its joys and sor-
rows, is numbered among the things of
the past, and I trust that it is with
warm hearts and noble purposes that
we gather on this, our one hundred and
seventh annual communication. Once
more we recognize the continued bless-
ings of Almighty God, whose all-seeing
eye has directed us, whose loving kind-
ness has been so abundantly manifested
to us in our every attempt to promote
the welfare of our time-honored insti-
tution, and who has blessed us with peace
and prosperity to an unusual degree.
It is therefore meet that we bow in
thankfulness and invoke a further con-
tinuation of favor in the important busi-
ness we are about to engage. Before
proceeding to the duties before us let us
pay our grateful tributes to the mem-
ory of those who have been called from
earthly labor during the past twelve
months.As we enter the grand lodge to-day we
sadly miss the presence of one who for
more than a quarter of a century had
so ably filled the important position of
grand secretary. It is hard to realize
that Brother Wheeler will never again
greet us in the grand lodge below. On
the tenth day of October at his home
in the city of Hartford, after a long
and painful illness, his spirit took its
flight.Turning to the west, we behold an-
other vacant chair, sadly reminding us
that another column has been broken,
another life extinguished.On the first day of November, at his
home in the city of Bridgeport, Brother
Clark R. Leonard, grand senior
warden, received the summons sent by
our Supreme Grand Master which called
him from labor to refreshment on
high, and everlasting rest.The grand master then read a list of
the other members, of which there were
fifteen, who had died during the past
year. He then referred briefly to the
work of the district deputies, the
lodges which had been received, and
other details of his work. Referring to
the Masonic Charity foundation, he
said: "The zeal and interest made
manifest by liberal subscriptions to-
wards providing a home for the in-
digent Mason, the widow and the or-
phan (who can rightfully claim our
assistance), has been such, during the
past year, that we are led to believe
that the great principles of our time
honored institution have been more
fully realized, by being more deeply
considered, than at any previous year
during the existence of the Grand
lodge. The object we have had in
view for more than twenty years has
been accomplished and we now realize
that Connecticut is not behind many
other sister jurisdictions in providing
such a home. Let the good work upon
which we are now engaged prosper
and continue until our fond hopes are
fully realized, and the Masonic Home
made a monument to our generosity."Grand Secretary John H. Barlow,
who was elected during the year to
succeed Joseph K. Wheeler of Hart-
ford, read his report, which showed
that the total membership of the order
in the state is 16,500, and that the
total receipts were \$2,650, and the ex-
penditures \$1,900.The secretary also reported that since
the Mason